

January 5, 2004

Ref: 3894-22189

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Miocene Zone, Reservoir F
WEST JOHNSONS BAYOU FIELD
Cameron Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Noble Energy, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Noble Energy, Inc.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating Miocene Zone, Reservoir F, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 225 acres for the Miocene Zone, Reservoir F, designated as the MIO RF SUA, West Johnsons Bayou Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

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The Miocene Zone, Reservoir F, in the West Johnsons Bayou Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 8,346 feet and 9,400 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Amoco Production Company-R. C. Peveto-A No. 2 Well, located in Section 14, Township 15 South, Range 15 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated December 22, 2003 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2004. No requests to confer were received with in writing or by telephone, and in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively schedule conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

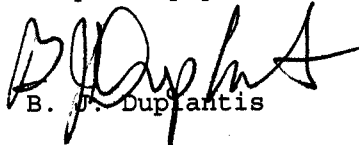
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the MIO RF SUA, West Johnsons Bayou Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this pre-application notice. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Bill Robbins of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, LA (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties

